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## THE DARK, DIM, DANK LANTERN

WHAT does it mean? Here is this ordinance No. 36, which segregates the soiled doves and places them in a district all to themselves. The bull pen is not an original idea, nor is the distance limit from church or school. The street leading toward the Midway mine was declared by certain interests to be undesirable as a place where pianos might be played late at night and where dancing might be enjoyed. Consequently the county commissioners ordered that it be closed to such entertainment, but did not consider the fact that the segregation pen was on the way to the Extension, which is really almost as big a mine as the Midway, and perhaps greater.

The board of county commissioners "silently turned the soda with the lantern dimly burning," and they issued an edict that Corona avenue must be closed. It was purely and simply, more simply than purely, an act on their part to decimate property values in one district and increase it in another. The board did this act at the suggestion of people interested in the appreciation of rentals in one section, even though it lowered them in another.

If it had announced a session of the board to take such action, so that people could have been present to advise, to favor and to object, that would have been all right, but the wick in the dark lantern was ignited and in its dull glow there was enacted an ordinance that the chairman of the board did not even see. At least he did not affix his signature.

Then came arrests. The constabulary swooped down on Corona avenue and people who pay taxes, who have heavy investments, who endeavor to keep within the spirit and wording of the law, were dispossessed of their holdings and were literally thrown out into the street.

The justice court sustained, it is recollected, the county commissioners, but an appeal caused the case to be thrown out of court, because the defendants knew and proved that the chairman of the board of county commissioners did not sign the ordinance. By the way, the chairman of the board of county commissioners does not seem to exist. His name is Marsh. It is not known that he has ever committed a crime, nor wronged a fellow man, but somehow he has gotten under the influence of the bearer of the dark lantern and it is a general acceptance that: "What Dick wants goes with the board."

Well, the case, as aforesaid, was thrown out of court, and then came another campaign for the closing of Corona avenue. Ordinance 36—that is probably the number, but nobody knows "nothing" about the work of the board the past year or two—was re-enacted, but it was done without notification and the new ordinance was passed at a meeting that was not publicly called, with no opportunity for its advisers or critics to have a word to say.

Judge Averill threw it out of court yesterday and in doing so he gained greater respect from everybody in the town and county, for he displayed not merely fearlessness, but an intent to do the right thing at the right time, which has marked his occupancy of the district court bench and which will continue to be his aim, intent and accomplishment in the future.

This is the second time that the district attorney, by name Sanders, of Nye county has endeavored to draw up an ordinance for the purpose of closing up Corona avenue for the benefit of the pedestrians of the proposed restricted district. He has made an arant failure in both instances. It may have been his lack of ability to properly construe the law, or it may have been that he had a bias and a cause for bending and turning to beck and call, but that is not even alleged, although there are many who criticize him for unfriendly action toward some and friendly action toward others. There is another theory and that is that he considered himself incapable of drawing up the ordinance and submitted it to a clerk or assistant, who is said to really do all the work of the office of district attorney, while the incumbent attends to private practice. At all events the whole matter is balled up and has proceeded in irregular and illegal fashion and, if it were not that the parties unfavorably affected had employed good lawyers and that the court were far-seeing, learned in the law and obsessed with the spirit of doing what is right and just, the deal might have gone through. The episode indicates that executors of Nye county in the form of its district attorney and board of county commissioners are in a very bad form indeed and that integrity of purpose and success in accomplishment are far from being their characteristics.

## LESSEES MAKING GOOD

THIS is largely the era of the leaser, says the Denver Mining Record. Today, as never before, men with small capital are able to secure leases on promising properties, under highly advantageous terms. Owners of mines and prospects generally are finding it to their interest to adopt an increasingly liberal attitude toward lessors. The latter are willing to spend time and money in searching for treasure, and it is only right that they should be encouraged by generous rewards. These men, in a way, rank with the prospector, and are constantly discovering new ore bodies that might never have been found but for their efforts. Hardly a day passes without the press recording rich finds by prospectors, many of whom are making six-figure fortunes, in which the mine owners share in like degree. In practically all of the big mining camps the leaser is a conspicuous figure, many of the really large mines now being developed under the leasing system. The owners have much to win and practically nothing to lose in leasing their properties; they might or might not make greater profits by mining on company account, but by leasing they assume no financial risk and are fairly sure of conservative returns from the mine. Under any conditions, however, owners are sure that the development work on their properties will make them more valuable. Therefore, although the leaser is being specially favored, he is a laborer worthy of his hire, and the recognition of his merits is only in keeping with the general improvement of modern mining conditions and methods. He is ably doing his part in the intensive development of the mining industry, and has become a permanent fixture in the realm of metal production.

## MARKET ADVANCE INEVITABLE

IT is evident that Tonopah, after having been in the doldrums for 10, these many months, is now about to make a happy emergence from the quietude into which it was precipitated by the inactivity of the silver market and the

low price of the white metal, which made its production cost prohibitive except where it was found in such quantity as here, or in the form of a by-product, as in Montana and other copper mining states.

There have been several very interesting finds made in the Tonopah district during the past few weeks and known bodies have been developed to an extent that heavy production is assured. At this early morning writing there promises to be a flurry before the day is over and if it takes place it will be but the forerunner of a general advance all along the line, with certain issues taking leadership in the upward movement, due to their intrinsic value, instead of any effort put forth to bull the market.

## WHY THE CARSON VISIT

IT seems that the original dark lantern of the county commissioners has been knocked into a cocked hat by the interpretation of law and fact rendered by the district court. Dark lanterns are somewhat expensive, at least their use sometimes is. Perhaps that is why the district attorney went to Carson City and secured permission from the constituted powers to borrow \$17,000, after the tax rate on the general fund had been raised 15 cents by the county commissioners at a dimly and mistily lighted session after the valuation had been lifted a million dollars or two. Another lantern was evidently needed, one that could not be bootied out of existence by the courts.

Our idea of nothing to get excited about is the George W. Perkins open letter on political questions.—Houston Post.

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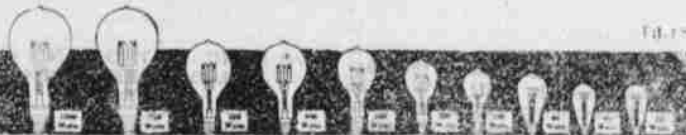
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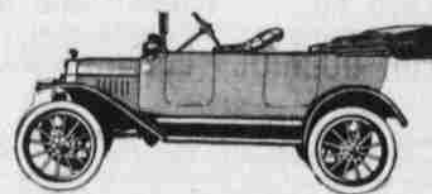
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